

MINUTES
GOVERNOR'S P-20 COUNCIL
General Meeting- Tuesday, December 12, 2006
2:00 p.m.

Location: Heard Museum
Monte Vista Room
2301 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

Members Present: Governor Janet Napolitano, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Cathleen Barton, Amy Besing, Mark Bryce, Ernie Calderon, Susan Carlson, Dr. Angel Cabrera, Dr. David Curd, George Dean, Gregory Donovan, Dr. Sybil Francis, Lynda French, Dr. Roy Flores, Harry Garewal, Dr. John Haeger, Bob Hagen, Jack Jewett, Cathy McKee, Superintendent Tom Horne, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, Dr. Douglas Olesen, Dean Phillips, Kristen Rex, Xan Simonson, Dr. Robert Shelton, and Dr. Jim Zaharis.

Members Absent: Dr. Michael Crow, Dr. Kino Flores, and Representatives Ann Kirpatrick

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. indicated that the Governor would be joining the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Dr. Glasper provided a brief overview of the past work of the Council, and indicated that the Council would be presented with recommendations from each of the committees. These first set of recommendations will begin to address the identified gaps in education and education alignment; and to ensure that every Arizona student is educated in a system aligned from pre-school through post-secondary education in order to provide Arizona with the skilled workforce it needs to enjoy economic prosperity. Dr. Glasper emphasized that these recommendations were not the end of the work of the Council but the guideposts for future work and for the education boards and agencies that will receive the recommendations from the Council. It is the goal of this Council that these recommendations become living, breathing recommendations that do more than sit on a page, but engage communities and parents, students and schools in building a modern education system deserving of their times and energies.

2. Approval of Minutes:
a. November 13, 2006

There being no discussion or corrections to the minutes, Susan Carlson moved approval of the November 13, 2006 Governor's P-20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Lynda French and unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Public.

Dr. Glasper indicated that to balance the public engagement in the agenda that public comment would be taken prior to the discussion and action and again at the end of the meeting. The Council heard comment from: Dr. Elizabeth Capaldi, Provost and Executive Vice President from ASU, on behalf of Dr. Michael Crow and presented a written position paper from the University; Janice Palmer, the Arizona School Boards Association and presented a written position paper; and Jane Jackson, ASU Department of Physics. Governor Napolitano joined the meeting at this time. Remaining requests to speak were moved to the end of the agenda.

4. Presentation of 12% Grant Funds – Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Dr. Glasper welcomed Genevra Richardson, representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Ms. Richardson presented the Governor and Council a check for \$50,000 in 12% grant monies for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to further the work of the Council. Governor Napolitano thanked Ms. Richardson and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for this grant award.

5. Presentation of Committee Recommendations

Governor Napolitano thanked the Council for all of the hard work leading up to today's meeting and the presentation of the recommendations. The Governor indicated that she would take this work and consider what recommendations could immediately be incorporated into her 2007 agenda. The results of this would be apparent in the Governor's State of the State address and budget. The Governor also indicated that the recommendations would be forwarded to each of the relevant governance entities for review and action.

Dr. Glasper asked that the Council adopt each set of recommendations by committee and to vote as a full Council to forward the full set of recommendation to the Governor representing the work of the Council for 2006.

Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction, requested that the actual vote on the recommendations take place at a later date. Superintendent Horne distributed a copy of the Department of Educations' responses to the recommendations to the Council, as well as a letter from Susan Pimentel. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the recommendations.

Paul Luna, Chair of the Communications Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee a Revised Vision Statement and Recommendations 1. through 4., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

Vision Statement: Every graduating student from the freshman class of 2012 will be prepared for work and post-secondary education in the 21st century.

1. Create and execute a communications plan to build and sustain public will for P-20 Reform.
2. Identify communications priorities for the next 6 to 12 months.
3. Identify and cultivate core constituencies to lead support for the Governor's P-20 Council's Vision.
4. Identify materials and resources necessary to implement the Governor's P-20 Council's communication plan.

After discussion, Dr. Jim Zaharis moved adoption of the Communications Committee's Recommendations 1. through 4. and work plan as presented, as well as the revised Vision Statement. The motion was seconded by Dean Phillips and unanimously approved.

Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Chair of the Education Alignment Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee Recommendations 5. through 8., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

5. Define and ensure that P-8 coursework, standards and graduation requirements prepare students for postsecondary education and the workforce.
6. Define and ensure that high school coursework, standards and graduation requirements prepare students for postsecondary education and the workforce.
7. Undertake a postsecondary demand and feasibility study to provide a baseline for policy determinations for increasing the number and diversity of students who have access to and complete Associate and Baccalaureate degrees as Arizona continues to experience record growth.
8. Additionally, request that the State Board of Education address (a) the implementation of a course taking sequence for required core curriculum, and (b) non-transferable high school credits.

After extensive discussion, Ernie Calderon moved adoption of the Education Alignment Committee Recommendations 5. through 8., and work plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Jim Zaharis. The motion was unanimously approved with the exception of one nay vote.

Dr. Jim Zaharis and Susan Carlson, Co-Chairs of the Education Pathways/Workforce Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee Recommendations 9. through 12., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

9. Develop and/or expand programs/pathways that create vehicles (including alternative and non-traditional delivery systems) for students to achieve higher graduation requirements and learn the skills needed to be prepared for work and post-secondary education in the 21st century.
10. Identify and eliminate barriers that may prevent students from participating in Career Technical Education (CTE) courses or that prevent participation from being meaningful.
11. Establish P-12 environment that fosters and provides incentives to districts implementing innovative mathematics and science programs.
12. Assess use and effectiveness of alternative schools. Review definition and purpose of alternative schools.

After discussion, Mark Bryce moved adoption of the Education Pathways/Workforce Committee's Recommendations 9. through 12. and work plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Harry Garewal and unanimously approved.

Becky Hill, on behalf of Chair Dr. Kino Flores and the Teachers Committee, presented Committee Recommendations 13. through 18., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

13. Ensure Teacher preparation programs are geared for P-20 Readiness.
14. Attract, prepare and retain high quality teachers in Arizona.
15. Ensure a concentrated effort to recruit more science and mathematics teachers and to attract and train teachers already in the field to these content areas.
16. Provide for statewide professional development.
17. Address teacher pay.
18. Prioritize the implementation of needed data elements pursuant to the recommendations in the National Data Quality Campaign.

After discussion, Dr. John Haeger moved adoption of the Teachers Committee's Recommendations 13. through 18. and work plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Dean Phillips and unanimously approved.

Dr. Sybil Francis, Chair of the Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee Recommendations 19. through 28., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

19. Provide Individual Personalized Graduation Plans on an annual basis for students beginning in the 6th grade.
20. Provide Graduation Support grants for research based strategies and programs with proven success.
21. Provide incentives for schools and teachers who have high retention and recapture rates.
22. Pursue legislation to raise the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 as part of an integrated system for improving graduation rates.
23. Require every school to have options for students falling behind in credits or not passing AIMS.
24. Build on the work of the Center for the Future of Arizona in establishing a statewide graduation goal.
25. Convert current testing system to (a) include end-of-course testing; (b) fully transition from paper testing to computer testing system for purposes of enhancing student achievement and (c) provide a college readiness assessment for all high school juniors to assess student preparedness for graduation and to ensure time for any necessary course remediation during the senior year.
26. Prioritize the implementation of needed data elements pursuant to the recommended elements identified in the National Data Quality Campaign.
27. Clarify for the public the education governance structures and research institution standards for access to data.
28. Identify the oversight authority to ensure timely implementation of data elements of a longitudinal data system, including data integrity and access for data consumers.

After extensive discussion, Susan Carlson moved adoption of the Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee Recommendations 19. through 28., and work plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Lynda French. The motion was unanimously approved with the exception of one nay vote.

Kristen Rex, Chair of the Adolescent Literacy Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee Recommendations 29. through 32., including a proposed work plan, for discussion and adoption by the Council.

29. Assess impact, use and effectiveness of AzReads and bring recommendations for an Adolescent Literacy model.
30. Identify funding to coordinate and support Adolescent Literacy Initiative.
31. Provide recommendations to the State Board of Education to (a) embed reading standards into every content area; (b) Address revisions of the K-12 reading endorsement specifically to include national experts to ensure a strong and meaningful professional development program and endorsement and that financial incentives be provided to encourage teachers to pursue this endorsement; (c) assess teacher preparation program content coursework to ensure reading strategies are included; (d) identify diagnostic assessments specific to adolescent readers; and (e) obtain funding for professional development to regional offices and the Department of Education.
32. Provide technical support and funding to build high school and middle school library collections including software and on-line libraries.

After discussion, Susan Carlson moved adoption of the Adolescent Literacy Committee's Recommendations 29. through 32. and work plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynda French and unanimously approved.

Cathleen Barton moved adoption of the Vision Statement and Recommendations 1. through 32, including proposed work plans, as presented. Motion was seconded by Susan Carlson. The motion was unanimously approved with the exception of one nay vote.

6. Call to the Public

The Council heard comment from: Laurie Smith, parent representing the APPLE Coalition and the Paradise Valley Site Council; Andrew Morrill, the Arizona Education Association; Barry Roth, the Arizona Science Coordinators Association; JoAnne Vasquez, ASU's Center for Research on Education in Science, Math, Engineering and Technology; Dianne Smith, Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council; Mary Platner; and Ted Kraver, eSATS. Written statement provided by Randy and Kelly Becker.

7. Announcements and Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Glasper thanked everyone again for their hard work and adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.